

## Editing Practice

**Check for verb tense.**

**Correct verbs that cause a sudden, jarring shift.**

John Hubbard had been teaching seventh grade for almost a year when the local newspaper does an interview with him. He tells the reporter that he liked teaching a lot, and added that the best thing about teaching was working with students who loved books as much as he did. He names his two favorite authors: Sandra Cisneros and Gary Paulsen. He said they were his favorites since he is in middle school himself.

Mr. Hubbard currently teaches seventh grade, and said that when he is a seventh grader himself, he was not a good reader at all. A teacher turned him on to audio tapes, however, and Hubbard discovers that he had a good voice for reading aloud. This year he will ask his students to make an audio tape of a Harry Potter chapter. Next month, the students will choose the chapter they wanted. Hubbard has a particular student in mind for the role of Harry, but wasn't sure if the student will say yes. He is very shy.

